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E.O. 11652: GDS

SUBJ: 17TH AIR DIVISION

REFS: (A) STATE 137759; (B) CINCPAC 130407Z JUN 75;
(C) CSAF 141720Z JUN 75; (D) CINCPACAF 142330Z JUN 75

1. REF A ADVISES ON FYI BASIS OF USAF PLANS TO
SUBSTITUTE A 17 AIR DIVISION, BASED AT URAPAO, FOR
13 ADVON UDORN. NEW 17 AIR DIVISION WOULD ALSO PICK
UP MOST RESIDUCAL FUNCTIONS OF USSAG/7AF ON LATTER'S
DISESTABLISHMENT.

2. REFS C AND D RECOGNIZE NECESSITY OF COORDINATION
WITH RTG BEFORE CONTEMPLATED REORGANIZATION IS
IMPLEMENTED.

3. REF B SUPPORTS CONTINUED USE OF 13 ADVON
DESIGNATION VICE 171 AIR DIVISION IN VIEW OF PROBABLE
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FUTURE DRAWDINS AND UNDESIRABILITY OF INTRODUCING

MAJOR NEW UNIT DESIGNATIONS AT THIS TIME.

4. EMBASSY STRONGLY CONCURS WITH REF B. RETENTION OF 13 ADVON DESIGNATION, TRANSFERRED TO UTAPAO AT APPROPRIATE STAGE, WILL CAUSE FOR LESS CONFUSION AND WILL FIND MUCH READIER ACCEPTANCE FROM RTG THAN WOULD REDESIGNATION AS 17 AIR DIVISION.

5. IF THERE ARE OVERRIDING OPERATIONAL REASONS, UNKNOWN TO US, FOR WHICH CHANGE MUST BE MADE, AND IF WE ARE GIVEN CONVINCING RATIONALE, WE WILL TRY TO SELL IT TO THE RTG. OTHERWISE, WE URGE 13 ADVON DESIGNATION BE RETAINED FOR THE PRESENT, WITH COMMAND AT BRIGADIER GENERAL LEVEL AS CURRENTLY.
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